

Blanco Ranger District 220 E Market Street Meeker, CO 81641	 <b>United States Department of Agriculture</b>	 
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## **FOWLER CREEK TRAIL # 2256**

<b>Difficulty:</b> More Difficult	<b>Trail Use:</b> Light	<b>Length:</b> 6.5 miles
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**Elevation:** Starts at 7,817 feet and ends at 10,687 feet (highest point 10,988 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +3,181 feet – 311 feet = +2,870 feet

### **Access:**

The Fowler Creek Trail is located 29 miles east of Meeker.

From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.

Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 18 miles.

Turn south on Rio Blanco County Road 10 for 2 miles, jog north for 1/4 mile, then east for 9 miles.

Turn north on FDR 236 for 1 mile to the Hill Creek camping area. The trailhead is at the northeast corner of the loop.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The Fowler Creek Trail climbs rapidly through scrub oak and crosses into the Flat Tops Wilderness after 2 1/2 miles. Once on top of the plateau the trail runs through open meadows with Englemann spruce and alpine fir being the dominant tree species with patches of aspens throughout. After another four miles, the trail ends at the Oyster Lake Trail #1825.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Fowler Creek Trail goes through the Flat Tops Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics. Know the following rules:

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leas law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

**WILDERNESS AREAS** are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHE**

